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REMARKS

Claims 8-13 are pending in this divisional application. By this amendment, the specification has been amended. Applicants file this Amendment in response to the Notice Regarding Benefit/Priority Claim(s) mailed March 23, 2004 in which the Office indicated that the prior-filed parent application has been improperly indicated as a national stage (35 U.S.C. 371) application. Applicants have amended the specification to indicate that the prior-filed parent application, Application No. 09/947,071, now U.S. Patent No. 6,716,183, was a continuation application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) of PCT/US00/11586. Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner for taking the time to review the parent case and its filing status. It is respectfully noted that this divisional application is filed as a result of the restriction requirement mailed January 15, 2003 in the parent application. Claims 8-13 are classified in Art Unit 3736, class 29, subclass 402.19. Timely examination of this divisional application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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